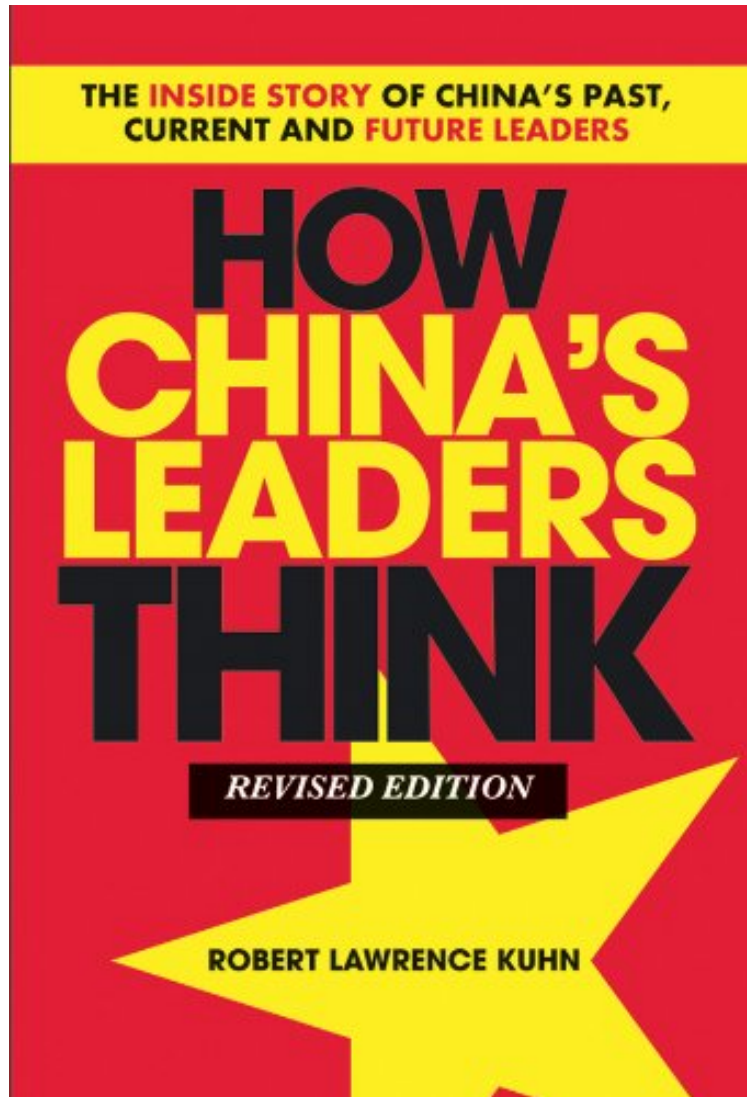


# How China's Leaders Think: The Inside Story of China's Past, Current and Future Leaders

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10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Some interesting details for China watchersBy Konga76There are some interesting historical details regarding the economic and business backgrounds of several high-ranking China officials, and these might be of interest to China watchers. But, as a few other reviewers have noted, this is a rather limited view of the administration of the Chinese state. Kuhn covers familiar ground for many China hands,

particularly national pride over the Olympics, Chinese culture and its long history, but glides over more difficult issues. For example, he notes that Hu Jintao, China's current leader, was "only following orders" when he commanded a repressive crackdown in Tibet prior to ascending to his current position as chairman of the CPC, and makes no further analysis on this episode. His book was also published prior to the Bo Xilai scandal, a scandal which revealed the degree of corruption which very likely permeates the Chinese state. Therefore, Mr. Kuhn does indeed describe the country from the vantage point of a business investor, having hobnobbed with the Chinese economic elite, and not its common people. Something worthwhile the author does note, Americans will need to learn to better understand this new global economic power, and increasingly on its own terms, not as a foil to be maneuvered by American influence.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. Interesting but far from what I expected By E.

Agamennone The book is overall interesting but a great part of it are passages copied by previous books and publications of the author. Some topics such as corruption and political reforms are not properly dealt with, giving a positive and unreal vision. The author could have been more critical and objective.<sup>4</sup> of 5 people found the following review helpful. Must read to really understand China through a different lense By Ray Olson, Jr. I'm an investment advisor who is fascinated by the global growth of the developing world. What struck me was how the book was able to relate the experience more from China's viewpoint than the traditional american media coverage. You'll learn a great deal about China's pride and even distrust of the US. To better understand who were competing against, this will give a clearer definition. If you interested in business or investing globally, you will not be disappointed.

A fascinating look at China now and in the years to come, through the eyes of those at the helm As China continues its rapid ascent, attention is turning to its leaders, who they are, and how they view the country's incredible transformation over the last thirty years. In *How China's Leaders Think: The Inside Story of China's Past, Current and Future Leaders*, Revised, bestselling author Lawrence Kuhn goes directly to the source, talking with members of China's ruling party and examining recently declassified Party material to provide readers with an intimate look at China's leaders and leadership structure, visionary principles, and convulsive past, and tracing the nation's reform efforts. Focusing on President Hu Jintao's philosophies and policies, the book looks to the next generation of China's leaders to ask the questions on everyone's lips. Who are China's future leaders? How do they view China's place in the world? Confronting China's leaders head on, Kuhn asks about the county's many problem, from economic imbalances to unsustainable development, to find out if there's a road map for change. Presenting the thoughts of key Chinese leaders on everything from media, military, banking, and healthcare to film, the Internet, science and technology, and much more, the book paints an intimate, candid portrayal of how China's leaders really think. Presents a fascinating insight into how China's leaders think about their country and where it's headed Asks the tough questions about China's need for reform Pulls together information from over 100 personal interviews as well as recently declassified Party documents Taking readers closer to Party officials than ever before, *How China's Leaders Think* documents China's thirty-year struggle toward economic and social reform, and what's to come.

From the Inside Flap China is an economic superpower competing in every arena of human endeavor. From trade and technology to culture, media and sports ndash; Chinarsquo;s growing strengths have global implications. But who are Chinarsquo;s leaders, current and future, and what do they make of the countrysquo;s growing influence? What are Chinarsquo;s future leaders doing today? And how do they think about democracy, political reform and Chinarsquo;s place in the new world order? How Chinarsquo;s Leaders Think focuses on the forces shaping China ndash; the leaders and their philosophies; the government and it policies, and a nation of 1.3 billion people embracing change. With unique access to Communist Party officials, author Robert Lawrence Kuhn interviews over 100 of Chinarsquo;s leaders. He portrays President Hu Jintao, and looks to the next generation of Chinarsquo;s leaders, including Xi Jinping, likely Chinarsquo;s next president; Li Keqiang, likely Chinarsquo;s next premier; and ldquo;Rising Starrdquo; politburo members Li Yuanchao, Liu Yunshan, Wang Qishan, Bo Xilai and Wang Yang. Kuhn speaks with Chinarsquo;s leaders in private companies, state-owned enterprises, banking, foreign affairs, military, agriculture, healthcare, religion, media, internet, film, literature, ideology and more to create an extraordinary portrait of China today. Is there a viable ldquo;China threatrdquo; or an emerging ldquo;China Model?rdquo; In confronting Chinarsquo;s leaders on Chinarsquo;s problemsmdash;economic imbalances, pollution, corruption, human rights, media censorship, religious tension, and ethnic conflicts, to name a fewmdash;Kuhnrsquo;s finds frank acknowledgement of the long road China must still travel in order to realize President Hursquo;s vision of a Harmonious Society. The best way to know Chinamdash;and the best way to do business with Chinamdash;is to know what motives Chinarsquo;s leaders and what drives their policies. How Chinarsquo;s Leaders Think is, quite literally, an invaluable roadmap of how Chinarsquo;s leaders view the key issues of the day. Readers will not get closer to Chinarsquo;s leaders than this insightful book from Robert Lawrence Kuhn. From the Back Cover Chinarsquo;s Leaders In the fall of 2012, when Chinarsquo;s Communist Party has its next National Party Congress (one is held every five years), senior leaders will be selected to replace those who have run the country for the past decade. In his book, *How Chinarsquo;s Leaders Think*, Kuhn offers background on Chinese officials we may hear more about in

coming years. ndash; Barronrsquo;s Robert Kuhn offers outlooks on the mainlandrsquo;s future from those shaping ithellip; [His] access to the mainlandrsquo;s political hierarchy is impressive. ndash; South China Morning Post How Chinarsquo;s Leaders Think draws on interviews with more than 100 Chinese leaders, providing insightful views on what Chinarsquo;s current and future leaders think about economy, media, diplomacy and more. ndash; Xinhua News Agency Kuhnrsquo;s latest work draws on his personal conversations with as many as 100 Chinese leaders. Kuhn delves into the mode of thinking of Chinarsquo;s leaders, revealing how they feel about the countryrsquo;s presence in the world and how certain changes may impact others. ndash; Global Times This book reflects the personal visions and collective commitment of Chinarsquo;s senior leaders, including the next generation who will come to full power in 2012. Most readers will not get closer to Chinarsquo;s leaders than this. ndash; China Daily This is an important book that deserves a wide audience. It is important because it is the first attempt by a foreigner to explain the thinking of Chinarsquo;s current leadership across a range of subjects, and because Kuhnrsquo;s access to that leadership is unprecedented ndash; and entirely unique ndash; for any Westerner outside of diplomatic circles. ndash; Thatrsquo;s Shanghai Arguably one of the best surveys of Chinarsquo;s economic and social landscape during several decades of reform. ndash; The Washington Times

About the Author Robert Lawrence Kuhn has a doctorate in brain science and is the author or editor of more than 25 books. Five of his books have been translated into Chinese, including two editions of Closer To Truth. Dr. Kuhn is the author of The Man Who Changed China: The Life and Legacy of Jiang Zemin. The Chinese edition was the number one bestselling book in China in 2005 with sales of over one million and substantial publicity. His book is recognized as the first time that a biography of a living Chinese leader has been published on the Chinese mainland, and stories of its success in China have run in the international press. Dr. Kuhn is also recognized as an international investment banker and expert on China. Since 1989 he has been advising the Chinese government on economic policy, mergers and acquisitions, science and technology, media and culture, and international communications. He is Senior Advisor to Citigroup and was president and co-owner of The Geneva Companies, the leading mergers and acquisitions firm for middle market businesses, which he sold to Citigroup in 2001. Dr. Kuhn regularly appears on CNBC / Bloomberg, writes commentaries in BusinessWeek, and has a featured column in Chief Executive magazine ("Uncommon Wisdom"). Dr. Kuhn is chairman of The Kuhn Foundation, which he founded and funded to disseminate new knowledge and understanding in science and philosophy, support cultural endeavors, and promote good relations between America and China. He is vice chairman of the new Beijing Institute for Frontier Science and on the editorial board of Frontier Science journal. Dr. Kuhn initiated a high-level conference between the AAAS and the Chinese Association for Science and Technology on "Scientific Ethics, Responsibility and Freedom" (2007).